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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

l.	Civil Categories: (Please check one category only).							
	General Civil							
	2. Administrative Review/Social Security							
	3. Habeas Corpus Death Penalty							
	*If under Title 28, §2255, name the SENTENCING JUDGE:							
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II.	RELATED OR REFILED CASES. See LR 3.1 which provides in pertinent part: "If an action is filed or removed to this Court and assigned to a District Judge after which it is discontinued, dismissed or remanded to a State court, and subsequently refiled, it shall be assigned to the same Judge who received the initial case assignment without regardfor the place of holding court in which the case was refiled. Counsel or a party without counsel shall be responsible for bringing such cases to the attention of the Court by responding to the questions included on the Civil Cover Sheet."							
	This action is RELATED to another PENDING civil case. This action is REFILED pursuant to LR 3.1.							
lf appli	icable, please indicate on page 1 in section VIII, the name of the Judge and case number.							
III.								
	In accordance with Local Civil Rule 3.8, actions involving counties in the Eastern Division shall be filed at any of the divisional offices therein. Actions involving counties in the Western Division shall be filed at the Toledo office. For the purpose of determining the proper division, and for statistical reasons, the following information is requested.							
	ANSWER ONE PARAGRAPH ONLY. ANSWER PARAGRAPHS 1 THRU 3 IN ORDER. UPON FINDING WHICH PARAGRAPH APPLIES TO YOUR CASE, ANSWER IT AND STOP.							
	(1) Resident defendant. If the defendant resides in a county within this district, please set forth the name of such county COUNTY:							
	Corporation For the purpose of answering the above, a corporation is deemed to be a resident of that county in which it has its principal place of business in that district.							
	Non-Resident defendant. If no defendant is a resident of a county in this district, please set forth the county wherein the cause of action arose or the event complained of occurred. OUNTY: Seneca County							
	(3) Other Cases. If no defendant is a resident of this district, or if the defendant is a corporation not having a principle place of business within the district, and the cause of action arose or the event complained of occurred outside this district, please set forth the county of the plaintiff's residence.							
	COUNTY:							
IV.	The Counties in the Northern District of Ohio are divided into divisions as shown below. After the county is determined in Section III, please check the appropriate division.							
	EASTERN DIVISION							
	AKRON (Counties: Carroll, Holmes, Portage, Stark, Summit, Tuscarawas and Wayne) CLEVELAND (Counties: Ashland, Ashtabula, Crawford, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake,							
	Lorain, Medina and Richland) YOUNGSTOWN (Counties: Columbiana, Mahoning and Trumbull)							
	WESTERN DIVISION							
	TOLEDO (Counties: Allen, Auglaize, Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Huron, Lucas, Marion, Mercer, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Sandusky, Seneca VanWert, Williams, Wood and Wyandot)							

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS 44

Authority For Civil Cover Sheet

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replaces nor supplements the filings and service of pleading or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. Consequently, a civil cover sheet is submitted to the Clerk of Court for each civil complaint filed. The attorney filing a case should complete the form as follows:

- I. (a) Plaintiffs-Defendants. Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only both name and title.
- (b) County of Residence. For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
- (c) Attorneys. Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
- II. Jurisdiction. The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.CP., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.

United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.

United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.

Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdicti on arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is aparty, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.

Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.)

- III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties. This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- IV. Nature of Suit. Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If the nature of suit cannot be determined, be sure the cause of action, in Section VI below, is sufficient to enable the deputy clerk or the statistical clerks in the Administrative Office to determine the nature of suit. If the cause fits more than one nature of suit, select the most definitive.
- Origin. Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.

Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.

Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28U.S.C., Section 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.

Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.

Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.

Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict

Multidistrict Litigation. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407. When this box is checked, do not check (5) above.

Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment. (7) Check this box for an appeal from a magistrate judge's decision.

- VI. Cause of Action. Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity. Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553
 Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service
- VII. Requested in Complaint. Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.

Demand. In this space enter the dollar amount (in thousands of dollars) being demanded or indicate other demand such as a preliminary injunction.

Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.

VIII. Related Cases. This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases, if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

Joshua Randell

1070 S. C.R. 13

Tiffin, OH 44883

Plaintiff,

v.

NCO Financial Systems, Inc.
507 Prudential Rd.
Horsham, PA 19044-2368

Defendant.

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Civil Case No.

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COMPLAINT

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Defendant.

NOW COMES Joshua R. Randell (hereafter, "Randell") by and through counsel, Kevin A. Mack, Esq., in complaint against NCO Financial Systems, Inc. (the "Defendant") for violations of 15 U.S.C. §§1601 *et seq.* relating to prohibited contact occurring after Randell's filing of chapter 7 bankruptcy.

JURSDICTION AND PARTIES

- 1. The court has jurisdiction to hear this matter under 28 U.S.C. § 1334, because it arises from the case or controversy of federal law at 15 U.S.C. § 1601, et seq.
- 2. Randell is a natural person who resides in the City of Tiffin, County of Seneca, State of Ohio, is a "consumer" as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3), and a debtor in a chapter 7 bankruptcy in the Northern District of Ohio (case no. 11-33794-rls).
- 3. The Defendant is a collection agency operating from an address of 507 Prudential Road, Horsham, Pennsylvania 19044-2368, is a "debt collector" as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6), is a "supplier" as that term is defined by O.R.C. §1345.01(C), and is an unsecured, nonpriority creditor listed on Randell's bankruptcy filing.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

- 4. The Defendant seeks to collect on a debt that arises out of a transaction primarily for personal, family, or household purposes and is therefore a "debt" as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(5) and O.R.C. §1345.01(A).
- 5. Sometime prior to October 2010, Randell incurred a financial obligation that was primarily for personal, family or household purposes, namely, an amount owed to Progressive Insurance, in the approximate amount of \$409.00.
- 6. Due to financial hardship, Randell shortly defaulted on the debt.
- 7. Sometime thereafter, the debt was consigned, placed, or otherwise transferred to the Defendant for collection from Randell.
- 8. On July 14, 2011, Randell commenced a voluntary case under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code by filing a voluntary petition. The bankruptcy was assigned case no. 11-33794 by the Northern District of Ohio, Western Division.
- 9. The Defendant was listed in Schedule F on Randell's Petition as an unsecured, nonpriority creditors
- 10. The order for relief, and subsequent automatic stay under 11 U.S.C. §362(a), was entered on July 15, 2011. Notice of the entered order and automatic stay was sent via first class mail to the Defendant on the same day.
- 11. Despite the notice, the Defendant continued to contact Randell. Twenty-four attempts to collect on the debt were made by Defendant beginning on July 29, 2011 and continued through October 10, 2011. See Exhibit A.

COUNT ONE

Violation of the Fair Debt Collections Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1601, et seq.

12. Randell incorporates the preceding paragraphs by reference as if stated fully herein.

- 13. The foregoing acts of the Defendant constitute numerous and multiple violations of the FDCPA including, but not limited to, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692c(C), 1692d, 1692e, 1692e(2), and 1692f.
- 14. As a result of the Defendant's violations of the FDCPA, Randell is entitled to statutory damages in an amount up to \$1,000.00 pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(2)(A) and, reasonable attorney's fees and costs pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(3) from the Defendant.

COUNT TWO

Violation of the Ohio Consumer Sales Practices Act, O.R.C. §1345.02

- 15. Plaintiff incorporates the preceding paragraphs by reference as if stated fully herein.
- 16. The continued refusal to cease collections despite notice of bankruptcy and contact by Plaintiff's counsel amounts an unfair act or practice in connection with a consumer transaction in violation of O.R.C. §1345.02(A).

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff requests that this court:

- a. Conclude the Defendant violated the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1601 et seq. and impose the liability thereunder;
- b. Conclude the Defendant violated the Ohio Consumer Sales Practices Act, O.R.C.
 §1345.01, et seq. and impose the liability thereunder;
- c. Demand the Defendant cease contacting Randell in regard to any debt that arose before the commencement of his bankruptcy;
- d. Award Randell statutory damages, costs and attorney fees for violating the FDCPA, 15
 U.S.C. §1601 et seq.;
- e. Award Randell damages for violating O.R.C. §1345.01, et seq.;

f. And grant such additional relief as it deems necessary or proper.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin A. Mack, Esq., #0028877

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing instrument was served by first class mail and/or electronic transmission on ______________________, to the following:

NCO Financial Systems, Inc. 507 Prudential Rd. Horsham, PA 19044-2368 Principal Place of Business

NCO Financial Systems, Inc. 1300 E 9TH ST CLEVELAND, OH 44114-1501 Ohio Registered Agent

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